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SUBJ:

1. COUNTRY: BRAZIL (BR)
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3. TITLE: [REDACTED]
4. PROJECT NUMBER: N/A
5. DATE OF INFORMATION: 780719/20
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7. DATE AND PLACE OF ACQUISITION: BRASILIA BR, 780720
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10. ORIGINATOR: [REDACTED]
11. REQUEST EVALUATION: NO
12. PREPARING OFFICER: [REDACTED]
13. APPROVING AUTHORITY: [REDACTED]
14. SOURCE: [REDACTED]
15. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: DIRC: NO
16. SUMMARY: [REDACTED]

THAT HUMAN RIGHTS APPLIES TO ALL; AND ALLOWED THAT USG-GOB RELATIONS WILL BE EVEN BETTER AS WIL BA-US ARMY RELATIONS.

17. SUBJ CODE: BR-4, 17

22. DETAILS:

A. [REDACTED] HIGHLY POSITIVE AND OPTIMISTIC IN TERMS OF FUTURE MILITARY (I.E. ARMY-TO-ARMY) RELATIONS AND ALSO WHEN DISCUSSING HIS ASSESSMENT OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION.

C. [REDACTED] THE USG SINCERELY WANTED GOOD RELATIONS WITH BRAZIL. [REDACTED] THE US PRESIDENT'S MARCH VISIT TO BRAZIL AS CONCRETE EVIDENCE HE FAULTED PREVIOUS MISUNDERSTANDINGS ON BAD ADVICE GIVEN BY POORLY-INFORMED POLITICALLY APPOINTED ADVISERS.

D. [REDACTED] THAT THE HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS WERE HERE TO STAY, AND THAT IT APPLIED TO EVERYONE, NO JUST CERTAIN COUNTRIES.

SHOULD THE BA WISH TO MAKE PURCHASES UNDER FMS AUSPICES, THEN THE US CONGRESS WOULD RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN BRAZIL. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.

E. [REDACTED] THE ARMY MINISTER'S REACTION TO THE PRECEDING WAS NEGATIVE. HE REPORTEDLY EXCLAIMED THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD THE BA DO ANYTHING, I.E. MAKE PURCHASES IN THE USA, WHICH WOULD RESULT IN A HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT, PURCHASES--YES BUT NOT UNDER THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES.

F. [REDACTED] HE HAD BEEN VERY WELL TREATED BY THE US ARMY'S SENIOR OFFICERS. HE HAD BEEN SINGLED OUT FOR WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT BY SEVERAL

US ARMY GENERALS.

[REDACTED] WOULD ALSO BE WELL RECEIVED AND ACCREDITED EXCELLENT BY THE US ARMY.

G. [REDACTED] HE'D BEEN PRIVILEGED TO MEET THE PRESENT AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO BRAZIL AND THAT HE WAS VERY MUCH IMPRESSED BY THE AMBASSADOR'S POSITIVE ATTITUDE, KNOWLEDGE OF BRAZIL, AND FRIENDLY PERSONALITY. HE ADDED THAT THE AMBASSADOR'S COLONEL USAR STATUS WAS A PLUS IN THE SENSE THAT HE WOULD BETTER UNDERSTAND THE IDIOSYNCRACIES AND NEEDS OF THE MILITARY, US AND BRAZILIAN. [REDACTED] IN THIS AND EXPRESSED HIS SATISFACTION

H. [REDACTED]

I. [REDACTED]

J. [REDACTED] HE WILL ALSO PAY A VISIT TO HIS OLD FRIEND THE MINISTER-CHIEF OF THE SNI (NAT'L INTEL SERVICE), BG OCTAVIO MEDEIROS PRIOR TO RETURNING TO HIS HOME IN PETROPOLIS, RJ ON 21JUL78.

K. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAD FAITH IN THEIR COLLECTIVE JUDGEMENT AND THAT THE FUTURE SHOULD SEE THE TWO COUNTRIES GETTING CLOSER TOGETHER, PARTICULARLY AFTER FIGUEIREDO HAS HAD TIME TO SETTLE IN TO THE PRESIDENCY.

L. [REDACTED] WAS NOT AS POLITICALLY-DIVIDED AS THE PRESS HAS BEEN CLAIMING, SINCERELY WANTED TO DEPOLITICIZE ITSELF; AND THAT FIGUEIREDO'S GOVERNMENT WOULD IN EFFECT BE ONE OF TRANSITION FROM AN AUTHORITARIAN TO A DEMOCRATIC ONE BY WESTERN STANDARDS.

ORIGINATOR'S COMMENTS: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] MIGHT TRIGGER THE HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTING MECHANISM, BUT IT WOULD APPEAR THAT HE'D LIKE TO "BUY AMERICAN" IF ONLY HE COULD SOURCES OPTIMISM IN RE: US-BRAZILIAN RELATIONS IN THE FUTURE IS MOST WELCOME AND SECONDS WHAT OTHERS HAVE RECENTLY STATED ON THE SUBJECT. NOTE THE ARMY MINISTERS PERSONNAL WISHES RE: THE ARMA RANK ISSUE, AND THE REASON GIVE -- "IMAGE."

[REDACTED] THE ARMY'S TIRED OF POLITICS, WAITING OUT-BUT SAFELY SO, AND DEMOCRACY WILL BE RESTORED TO BRAZIL IN BITS AND STAGES TO AVOID CREATING CRISIS SITUATIONS. ALL IN ALL, GOOD NEWS WAS RELATED BY CODED SOURCE. LET'S HOPE [REDACTED] KNOWN PRO-AMERICANISM DOESN'T CAUSE OTHERS (I.E. GOB OFFICIALS) TO TAKE HIS STATEMENTS WITH TOO MUCH SALT

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